



## ANNUAL EMMETT TOUR Hosts Ron and Fran Carr



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and  
Lora  
Eggen



It was pouring down rain when we left Boise on Saturday morning headed for Emmett but when we arrived at Fran and Ron Carr's home the rain had mostly stopped. The Carr's had dozens of donuts and lots of drinks for morning snacks. This year the tour group was small in number as only about 18 people braved the raindrops. There were five Model A's belonging to Ron and Fran Carr, Fred and Judi Ornellas, Bob Mather with Doug Griffin, Lora Eggen and Gary McNary, and Randy and Lisa Von Nordheim from Weiser. Three "younger" cars joined the "antiques" belonging to Al and Dee Borden, Chuck and Marilyn Nelson, and Shawn and Kristen Adamson. The tour took us west from downtown Emmett. As we enjoyed the countryside, plowed fields, and trees beginning to turn "spring" green in color, we saw numerous animals including cows, sheep, a few horses and even some sandhill cranes and peacocks. There was NO RAIN as we drove the country roads. Our stop was brief at the sports complex in Emmett as the wind was bitter cold. When we arrived back at the Carr's, the hot dog stand was all set up in the garage and we waited our turn to place our orders. We enjoyed the delicious hot dogs with a variety of toppings inside the Carr's warm home with a lovely fire in the fireplace. A good time was had by all.

By Judi Ornellas

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**EMMETT TOUR CONTINUED**



**2024 TVMAC Officers**

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**Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc. in next month's The Rattlin' Rag is:**  
**Monday,**  
**May 13, 2024**  
 Please email to  
**JoAnn Blout**

PS from Ron Carr:

Above are Corey and Kelly Checkettes with their 2 years and 4 months old daughter Millie. (We set a record for the youngest participant in the Annual Emmett Tour.) They are friends of ours from church.

The "Okie Dokie Dogs" cart is owned by our ex-son in law, Scott Farrin. His cart is set up in downtown Eagle on Tuesdays and Thursdays each summer to serve the public. He is also available for special occasions like cruises, car shows, and our type of tours etc.

 <b>MENU</b> <small>SALES TAX INCLUDED</small>		
Okie Dokie Dog	Regular All Beef \$4.00	
Jumbo Dog	1/4 lb All Beef \$6.00	
Sausage	1/4 lb \$7.00	
Pickle Dog	Pickle Spears with Condiments \$4.00	
Chips	\$1.50	
Soda	\$1.50	
Water	\$1.00	
<b>TOPPINGS</b>		
Ketchup	Sriracha	Banana Peppers
Mayo	Sweet Relish	Diced Red Onions
Yellow Mustard	Dill Relish	Diced Sweet Onions
Brown Mustard	Jalapenos	Glazed Onions
Honey Mustard	Sauerkraut	Red Onion Sauce
<b>SPECIALTY DOGS \$2.00 EXTRA</b>		
Chicago Dog	Mustard, Neon Relish, Onion, Sport Pepper, Sausage, Veggie, Pickle Speer, Cakesy Salt	
Maxwell Street	Mustard, Grilled Pepper & Onion, Sport Pepper	
Chili Cheese	Mustard, Chili Sauce, Cheddar Cheese	
Southern Style	Chili Sauce, Slaw, Mustard	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**MAY 2024**

			1	2	3 FFF	4 Melba Fun Run
5	6	7	8	9 Club Meeting	10 FFF	11
12 Mothers Day	13	14	15	16	17 FFF	18 Parade America
19	20	21	22	23	24 FFF	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 FFF	

**NELSON'S TOUR**

April 14, Sunday, Tour will start at Legacy Fuel, South 12th Ave. (Highway 45 to Snake River) in Nampa at 1:00 p.m. We will go towards Nyssa, OR, on to Parma and south on Highway 95. We will end back where we started. Tour length will be about 3-4 hours, but there will be opportunities to leave the tour if you desire. Bring your own lunch or snacks for a mid afternoon break.

**4 BANGER 400**

July 22-23, 2024 beginning in either Boise or McCall, tour to Stanley (overnight) and ending either back in McCall or Boise. Bob Mather has more details for those interested.

Bob's 80th Birthday will be celebrated during the "4 Banger 400" and he especially invites anyone else turning 80 to join him! He advised us that anyone who is even considering attending should make reservations for a motel room in Stanley NOW for the night of July 22, 2024.

**SMOOTH RIDER TOUR**

May 31-June 2, 2024 Going between Walla Walla, WA to Clarkston, WA and back to Walla Walla. June 1 will be a road tour to North Central Idaho from Clarkston with a new chapter, The Palouse, Region A's - Or a boat trip up Hells Canyon to go antiquing in Lewiston-Clarkston and/or visit the Nez Pierce Culture Museum. Jeff Caldwell is contact for questions.

Due to Elvin's surgery in late May, Mechanic's Garage with his help will be closed for several weeks. If you need tools or reference books they will be available. Contact Elaine for access to what you need.

Local Events:

Mechanics Garage:

Hightower's Garage: call Elvin to schedule the day and time to get expert help with your project.

Next Club Meeting - NEW PLACE

May 9, 2024 at China Grand Buffet, 10498 Fairview Ave, Boise. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00.

FAST FOOD FRIDAYS:

**May 3**, Culver's, 3494 E Tecate Lane, Meridian

**May 10**, Dairy Queen, 5251 N Glenwood, Boise

**May 17**, Chick Fil A, 16800 N Marketplace Blvd, Nampa

**May 24**, Freddy's, 2864 E State St, Eagle

**May 31**, West Side Drive In, 1113 Parkcenter Blvd, Boise

Save The Dates:

**April 14, 2024** Tour planned by Chuck and Marilyn Nelson.

**April 21, 2024** Hot Rod Happening, at Nampa High School, \$20/Car.

**May 4, 2024** 29th Annual Melba Fun Run. Watch for details.

**May 31-June 2, 2024** Smooth Rider Tour, traveling on mostly paved roads.

**July 22-23, 2024** 4 Banger 400 to celebrate Bob Mather's 80th Birthday with an overnight stay in Stanley. Reserve your motel room now for July 22.

**Hubley race** Watch for information about Races at Elvin's Garage, possibly later this summer.

**September 8-13, 2024** Redmond, Oregon Hub Tour. See details page 4.

**May 31- June 7, 2026** NATIONAL CONVENTION in Pendleton, Oregon. Our Club will be involved with several clubs in supporting the Blue Mountain A's in Pendleton as they put on this National Convention.

### Why I bought my second Model A

By Bob Mather

Like many people who came of age in the late 50's and early '60's my first car was a Model A Ford. I have so many memories of my high school shenanigans, many of which had the beat up Model A playing an important role. There were the times on Oregon beaches riding on the running boards with the car being powered by the accelerator lever. There was the night I rolled the car driving around a Chevron Station and explaining to my Mother why there was a police officer at the door the next morning.

When I began thinking of retirement I knew I would need to engage in something that would allow me to be with people who had a common interest. With this in mind I bought a 1929 Model A Roadster pickup and joined the Treasure Valley Model A Club. I believe joining the club was one of the best post retirement decisions I could have made.

After my first few meetings with the club I told my wife Susan that it was clear to me that to be a committed member I had to have at least 2 Model A's. During this same period Susan and I attended a National Model A Meet in Portland. While checking out the cars I saw two that really spoke to me. One was a 1931 Model A 400 and the other was a 1929 Speedster. I decided that I needed to have one of each.

The cost of an A 400 was just too much to buy directly so I began to buy and sell Model A's hoping to eventually "trade up" to a 400. I was able to accomplish this but along the way I was hooked on flipping cars and parts. I also bought the speedster I saw at the national meet, which I still own and drive.

This brings me to the primary reason for writing this article. I just bought another Model A, a 1931 Cabriolet. I had a '30 Cabriolet that is now somewhere in England but the '31 is so much nicer. It has many of the upgrades I've grown to like. The engine has been changed to a modified '32 but is still a 4 banger. The transmission has become a '39 top loader with a Mitchell overdrive. The brakes are '48 Ford hydraulic and the electrical system has been changed over to a 12 volt.

So, I would like to say thank you to the members of the Treasure Valley Club for helping me find so much enjoyment in my retirement.

**BOB MATHER'S STORY CONTINUED**



Bob provided this article and picture of him with one of his Model A's.

He is the organizer of the "4 Banger 400" which will run in July. See information on page 3 for more details. Questions? Ask Bob. He will also share more information as the event gets closer.

**GIGGLES**

If I can't think of a word, say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think I am bilingual instead of an idiot.  
Unfortunately that won't help me when I forget your name!

When I was a kid I wanted to be older...  
This is not what I expected.

Never sing in the shower!

Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked.

So remember . . . Don't sing in the shower!



I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing.  
Retraced my steps.  
Got lost on the way back.  
Now I have no idea what's going on.

Do you experience "The Door Jam Effect"?  
You are walking with purpose into another room, but as you pass through the door jam you suddenly can't remember why you are there...  
Yup, the door jam effect!

**UP COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES****MELBA FUN RUN**

The annual Melba Fun Run will be Saturday, May 4, meeting at the Kuna Albertsons before 9:00 a.m. The group of Model T's, Model A's, and other classic car club members will leave Albertsons by 9:30 a.m. Please donate \$5 per car at registration.

The tour will head south to Celebration Park on the Snake River for a break, then on to Melba for lunch at the Melba Senior Center. The Senior Center provides a delicious lunch for \$8 per person. A raffle of several items, including at least one gun, follows lunch. This tour is in support of the Melba Senior Center.

Our club will donate \$300 to their Senior center again this year.

**PARADE AMERICA**

Nampa's annual Parade America will be Saturday, May 18 starting at 11:00 a.m. Be in line by 10:00 a.m. The theme is "Let Freedom Ring" and is a way to express appreciation and gratitude to the men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces. President Chuck Nelson will register our club for the parade, so look for our Model A's.

**HOT ROD HAPPENINGS**

Nampa High School's "Hot Rod Happenings" will be on Sunday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Nampa High School. This is a huge car show with antique, classic, and many other types of cars that supports Nampa High School's automotive technical education program. Each car will donate \$20 to participate in the car show.

Gary McNary proudly tells us he is a graduate of Nampa High School.

**QUILTS OF VALOR**

Connie presented information about Quilts of Valor to our club at our April meeting. This program is designed to honor and recognize any living former or current service member of any branch of the armed services. She said they have a wonderful and very touching program to present the quilt to the honoree. She shared that Chuck was nominated to receive a quilt, and he brought his quilt to show us. It had a patriotic theme and was beautiful.

Connie said the local group of Quilts of Valor has several quilts completed and ready to be presented, and they are looking for nominees. She encouraged us to submit names of nominees to our local Quilts of Valor group. Contact Connie for more information.







### LADY A'S SIP COFFEE

Several Lady A's met at Stewart's Coffee Roasting on Thursday, March 28 to tour their coffee roasting facility. They learned about the process and then tasted their coffee products. Afterwards they went to lunch where they continued visiting with each other and getting to know one of our new members, Marianne.

Below are pictures from the activity provided by Stephanie, our Lady A's Coordinator.



The Treasure Valley A's is a Model A Ford automobile club located in the Boise area of Idaho. We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Fords from 1928 through 1931 by the Ford Motor Company. Membership is not limited to owners and is open to anyone interested in preserving the memory of our past and the great impact that Henry Ford made upon the world with his Model A.

The Treasure Valley A's have had a long history in the city of trees. Many of the club's members have spent most of their lives here in the area. The club was formed around 1963 and its membership consisted of only eight couples and a few cars. Since then the club has grown to well over a hundred and thirty and is one of the most active antique car clubs in the state.

We would love to hear from you or even better, stop by our next event.

### Treasure Valley Model A Ford Club of America

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